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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to add new claims 35 to 37. New claim 35 corresponds to claim 11 except that new claim 35 recites that the at least one compound is supplied to an object where -- allergens are to be inhibited-- as opposed to being supplied to an object "where allergens exist" as recited in claim 11. New claims 36 and 37 correspond to claims 12 and 13 except that they depend on new claim 35. New claim 35 is believed to be supported, inter alia, in paragraph [0109] of the specification. Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$350.00 is attached hereto to cover the cost of one excess independent claim (\$200.00) and three excess total claims (\$150.00).

The Action includes restriction and election of species requirements. Restriction is required among:

- (I) Claims 1 to 7, identified in the Action as being directed to an allergen inhibitor comprising an aromatic hydroxy compound, etc., classified in class 568, subclass 308.;
- (II) Claim 8, identified in the Action as being directed to an allergen inhibitor comprising a phosphate, classified in class 423, subclass 304;
- (III) Claims 9 and 10, identified in the Action as being directed to an allergen inhibitor comprising aluminum sulfate,

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classified in class 423, subclass 556;

(IV) Claims 11 to 13, identified in the Action as being directed to a method of inhibiting allergens comprising the step of administering an aromatic hydroxy compound, etc., classified in class 424, subclass 78.02;

(V) Claim 14, identified in the Action as being directed to a method of inhibiting allergens comprising the step of administering an aqueous solution of aluminum sulfate, classified in class 424, subclass 600;

(VI) Claims 15 to 18 and 25 to 31, identified in the Action as being directed to allergen-inhibiting fibers and sheets, classified in class 442, subclass 123;

(VII) Claims 19 to 24 and 32, identified in the Action as being directed to allergen-inhibiting fibers and sheets comprising an aromatic hydroxyl compound, classified in class 442, subclass 164;

(VIII) Claim 33, identified in the Action as being directed to an allergen-inhibiting sheet comprising a phosphate, classified in class 442, subclass 172; and

(IX) Claim 34, identified in the Action as being directed to an allergen-inhibiting sheet comprising aluminum sulfate, classified in class 442, subclass 172.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (IV), claims 11-13, for prosecution in this application. New claims 35 to 37 should be included with the Group (IV) claims since they are also directed to a method of inhibiting allergens comprising the step of administering an aromatic hydroxy compound as identified in the restriction requirement. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

Upon election of one of groups (I) to (IX), the Office is requiring election of a single species of allergen inhibitor from the claims of the elected group.

Applicants elect an aromatic hydroxy compound as the species. This election is also made without traverse. Claims 11 to 13 and 35 to 37 are believed to read on the elected species.

The inventors of the elected subject matter are Taro Suzuki and Mitsuhito Teramoto.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2006.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

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